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SUBJECT: SHABA INVASION: GOZ PRESENTATION TO OAU AMBASSADORS

1. ON MARCH 15 NGUZA MET WITH AFRICAN AMBASSADORS AND, ACCORDING
NIGERIAN AMB, MADE FOLLOWING POINTS:

A. HE RECALLED FEB. 28, 1976, BRAZZAVILLE ACCORDS, NOTING THAT
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FORMAL ASSURANCES WERE GIVEN BY GOZ AND PRA REGARDING THE REFUGEE
PROBLEM. IT WAS ALSO RECALLED THAT PURSUANT TO ACCORDS, MOBUTU
HAS ORDERED CLOSING OF FNLA HEADQUARTERS AND BASES AND DISARMING
OF COMBATANTS.

B. POINTED OUT JOINT ANGOLAN-ZAIRIAN COMMISSION MET ONLY
TWICE. AT THE LAST MEETING, DECEMBER 23, 1976, GOZ WAS UNDER
IMPRESSION THINGS WERE FINE.

C. AFTER JANUARY 6 ANNOUNCEMENT OF RECOGNITION OF PRA, GOZ RECEIVED NO IMMEDIATE RESPONSE. GOZ THEN INSTRUCTED THAT FORMAL NOTE OF RECOGNITION BE DELIVERED BY ZAIRIAN PERM REP TO UN TO HIS ANGOLAN COUNTERPART. WHEN IN LOME FOR OAU MINISTERIAL MEETING, ANGOLAN FOMIN INFORMED NGUZA PRA HAD NOT RECEIVED THE COMMUNICATION. AS RESULT, GOZ USED GOOD OFFICES OF NGOUABI TO TRANSMIT FORMAL LETTER OF RECOGNITION.

D. TWO DAYS AFTER MEETING WITH NGOUABI, NETO CHARGED ZAIRIAN FORCES HAD MADE RAID ON VILLAGE IN NORTHERN ANGOLA. NGUZA DENIED RAID HAD TAKEN PLACE. AT TIME OF NETO ACCUSATION, GOZ DID NOT KNOW HE WAS PREPARING MASSIVE INVASION.

E. REVIEWING TOWNS THAT HAD BEEN TAKEN, DILOLO, KISENGE, KAPANGA, NGUZA STRESSED THAT NO FAZ TROOPS HAD BEEN STATIONED IN THEM BECAUSE, IN CONFORMITY WITH BRAZZAVILLE ACCORDS, MILITARY HAD BEEN MOVED AWAY FROM BORDERS.

F. INVADERS WERE EXPERTS IN GUERRILLA WARFARE. GOZ WAS PREVIOUSLY CALLING THEM MERCENARIES BECAUSE THEY WERE SAID TO BE BE KATANGANS. AS SUCH THEY WERE PREVIOUSLY SECESSIONISTS, THEN WORKED FOR THE COLONIALISTS AND NOW ARE BEING PAID BY MARXISTS. THEY HAVE NO IDEALS. GOZ INFORMATION IS THAT THEY ARE BEING LED BY "FOREIGNERS", I.E. GUBANS, AND ARE USING WEAPONS FROM "A FOREIGN COUNTRY", I.E. USSR. GOZ WAS SURPRISED TO LEARN THAT THE KATANGANS WERE ARMED INASMUCH AS IT HAD BEEN ASSUMED THAT THE WEAPONS HAD BEEN TAKEN AWAY FROM THEM. NGUZA CHARGED THAT ATTACKERS WERE USING LONG RANGE ROCKETS SUCH AS STALIN ORGAN AS WELL AS GROUND TO AIR MISSILES.

G. GOZ HAD NO PRISONERS OR BODIES TO PRODUCE BECAUSE THERE HAD BEEN NO MAJOR MILITARY CONTACTS. NEVERTHELESS, INVADING FORCE WAS ABOUT 5,000 MAN STRONG.

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H. NGUZA TOOK ISSUE WITH ANGOLAN PROPAGANDA TO THE EFFECT THAT ACTION IN SHABA WAS AN INTERNAL REBELLION. IT WAS NOT A REBELLION FROM EITHER THE POPULATION OR FAZ. FAZ DOES NOT HAVE RUSSIAN MACHINERY OR WEAPONS, WHICH ARE BEING USED BY THE INVADING FORCES. ACTIVITY IS AS RESULT OF INVASION BY MERCENARIES.

I. WHEN FAZ COUNTER-ATTACKS, IT WILL CHASE INVADERS OUT OF COUNTRY ALL THE WAY TO THEIR BASES.

J. GOZ IS HOLDING A "CERTAIN STATE" RESPONSIBLE. THIS STATE WILL BE IDENTIFIED WHEN INVADING FORCES ARE PUSHED OUT.

K. EXPLAINING REASONS WHY GOZ WAS SEEKING US AID, NGUZA SAID THIS WAS NECESSARY SINCE PRA WAS USING SOVIET AID. GOZ HAD NO ALTERNATIVE BUT TO TURN TO A COUNTRY WHICH WAS EQUAL IN STRENGTH. NGUZA THEN REFERRED TO STATEMENTS OF STATE DEPARTMENT AND DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE WITH RESPECT TO US AID AND MENTIONED THAT CONGRESS HAD NOT AS YET PRONOUNCED ITSELF.

L. ZAIRE MIGHT BE ACCUSED OF INTERNATIONALIZING THE CONFLICT BY GOING TO US. HOWEVER, CONFLICT IS ALREADY INTERNATIONALIZED SINCE INVASION WAS BACKED BY ANOTHER COUNTRY WHICH RECEIVES ARMS FROM A THIRD COUNTRY.

M. NGUZA REQUESTED THAT AMBASSADORS INFORM THEIR GOVERNMENTS OF GRAVITY OF SITUATION.

2. IN Q & A, NGUZA MADE POINT HE HAD NO MILITARY INFORMATION BUT, AS FAR AS HE KNEW, ADVANCE BY HOSTILE FORCES WAS NOT SUBSTANTIAL. WHEN FURTHER QUESTIONED ABOUT WHAT GOZ WANTED AFRICAN GOVERNMENTS TO DO, NGUZA REFERRED TO OAU, STATING THAT WHEN AN OAU MEMBER IS INVADED GOZ WOULD LIKE OAU TO REACT.

3. FOREGOING WAS PROVIDED BY NIGERIAN AMBASSADOR WHO SAID THAT GENERAL REACTION BY AFRICAN AMBASSADORS WAS SYMPATHETIC. HE DID NOT KNOW WHAT THEIR GOVERNMENTS WOULD DO BUT SURMISED THAT AT LEAST ONE OR TWO COUNTRIES MIGHT SEIZE OAU WITH THE PROBLEM. NIGERIAN AMBASSADOR FURTHER STATED THAT NGUZA HANDED OUT A DECLARATION WHICH ESSENTIALLY COVERED POINTS MADE ABOVE. FULL TEXT OF DECLARATION BEING SUBMITTED SEPTTEL.

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